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Amendments To The Claims

The listing of claims presented below will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of claims:

1. **(currently amended)** A soft, chewable anesthetic lozenge, comprising, by weight:

hydrogenated starch hydrolysate 10-60%;

hydrogenated mono- and di-saccharides 3-60%;

hydrogenated vegetable oil 1-20%;

gelatin 0.5-27%;

anesthetic 0.25-7.5%; **and**

water 1-25%.

2. (original) The lozenge of claim 1, wherein the anesthetic is selected from the group consisting of benzocaine in an amount of 0.25 to 7.5% by weight, menthol in an amount of 0.25 to 3% by weight, and mixtures thereof.

3. (original) The lozenge of claim 1, additionally comprising a sweetener.

4. (original) The lozenge of claim 3, wherein the sweetener is sucralose.

5. (original) The lozenge of claim 1, additionally comprising silica in an amount of 0.5 to

10% by weight.

6. (original) The lozenge of claim 1, additionally comprising 0.1 to 7% by weight of flavoring.

7. (original) The lozenge of claim 1, wherein the hydrogenated vegetable oil is present in an amount of 1-10% by weight.

8. (original) The lozenge of claim 1, additionally comprising 0.5 to 5% by weight of polyethylene glycol of between PEG-4 and PEG-800.

9. (original) The lozenge of claim 8, wherein the polyethylene glycol is PEG-75.

10. **(currently amended)** A method of treating mouth and throat pain comprising **the step of:**

administering to the mouth and throat a soft, chewable, non-sticky anesthetic lozenge comprising, by weight:

hydrogentated starch hydrolysate 10 to 60%**;[[,]]**

hydrogenated mono- and di-saccharides 3 to 60%**;[[,]]**

hydrogenated vegetable oil 1 to 20%**;[[,]]**

gelatin 0.5 to 27%**;[[,]]**

anesthetic 0.25 to 7.5%**; and[[,]]**

water 1 to 25%.

11. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the anesthetic is selected from the group consisting of benzocaine in an amount of 0.25 to 7.5% by weight, menthol in an amount of 0.25 to 3% by weight, and mixtures thereof.

12. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the lozenge additionally comprises a sweetner.

13. (original) The method of claim 11 wherein the sweetner is sucralose.

14. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the lozenge additionally comprises silica in an amount of 0.5 to 10% by weight.

15. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the lozenge additionally comprises 0.1 to 7% by weight of flavoring.

16. (original) The method of claim 10 wherein the lozenge additionally comprises 1 to 20% by weight of hydrogenated vegetable oil.